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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shigeru Nemoto  
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For : SYRINGE BARREL WITH  
REINFORCING RIB  
Examiner : Matthew F Desanto  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed January 25, 2005. In response to the species election requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Species D, Figure 30, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7 are readable on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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